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REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H.,  
FOR THE  
*Financial Year Ending Mar. 1, 1872.*

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# SELECTMENS' REPORT.

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The Selectmen of Merrimack in presenting their Annual Report would congratulate their fellow citizens on the prospect of an early extinguishment of their town debt. The Legislature of this State, at their session in 1870, passed an act authorizing a limited reimbursement by the State of the municipal war expenditure. One of the sections of the act is as follows: "Each city, town or location shall receive from the State one hundred dollars for every man furnished for the military service of the United States under and after the call of July 2nd, 1862, and accepted by the United States for the term of three years, and in the same proportion for every man so furnished and accepted for whatever period."

"For the purpose of meeting the requirements or payments of said act, the Treasurer is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Governor, with the advice of the Council, to issue bonds or certificates of debt in the name and behalf of this State. Said bonds shall be issued as of the first day of January, 1872, and bear that date; shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Governor; and shall bear interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and made payable semi-annually on the first day of July and January of each year, and shall have interest warrants or coupons attached thereto, signed by the Treasurer. Said bonds and coupons shall be made payable at the treasury of the State, or at such bank in Boston or New York as shall be found most convenient or expedient."

"Said bonds or certificates of debt shall be redeemable in not less than twenty years, nor more than forty years from the first day of January, 1872, and not more than one-half million of the same shall be redeemable in any one year."

Under this act the authorities of the several cities and towns were called upon to present their claims to a commission appointed for that purpose.

The town of Merrimack having no official record of their recruitment during the great rebellion, the Selectmen authorized the Hon. W. T. Parker, recruiting agent for the town during the war, and who alone possesses any record of the men recruited to fill the several quotas of the town, to appear before the Commission, and present the claims of the town.

For the successful manner in which he performed the duties entrusted to him, the result conclusively attests, and he is justly entitled to the thanks and gratitude of the citizens of this town for his valuable services in this matter.

The amount to which the town is entitled under this act, according to the decision of the Commissioners is \$7,491.67.

The following are the names of soldiers who were recruited under and after the call of July 2nd, 1862, the date of their muster, and the organizations to which they belonged:

| Names.                 | Company. | Regt.    | Years' Service. | Date of Muster. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Francis F. Flint,      | A.       | 10       | 3               | Aug. 25, 1862.  |
| Charles Adams,         | A.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 20, 1863.  |
| Robert Buchanan,       | C.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 20, 1863.  |
| James Clark,           | D.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 20, 1863.  |
| John Kennel,           | F.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 21, 1863.  |
| Henry Roberts,         | A.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 23, 1863.  |
| Patrick Smith,         | A.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 23, 1863.  |
| Walter Jeffries,       | A.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 23, 1863.  |
| Thomas Burns,          | A.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 23, 1863.  |
| James Lindsay,         | B.       | 2        | 3               | Nov. 28, 1863.  |
| James Ablett,          | A.       | 2        | 3               | Aug. 29, 1864.  |
| James Croghan,         | G.       | 3        | 3               | Oct. 14, 1863.  |
| Robert Elliott,        | K.       | 3        | 3               | Oct. 14, 1863.  |
| Edward Evans,          | K.       | 3        | 3               | Oct. 14, 1863.  |
| Patrick Caslow,        | F.       | 3        | 3               | Dec. 15, 1864.  |
| Frederick H. Montague, | C.       | 3        | 3               | Dec. 23, 1864.  |
| George Boherre,        | E.       | 4        | 3               | Oct. 14, 1863.  |
| George Hazzard,        | E.       | 4        | 3               | Dec. 21, 1864.  |
| Henry Balcom,          | A.       | 5        | 3               | Aug. 10, 1864.  |
| Edward Kereser,        | I.       | 5        | 3               | Aug. 10, 1864.  |
| James Driscoll,        | A.       | 5        | 3               | Aug. 12, 1864.  |
| William Putard,        |          | 5        | 3               | Dec. 12, 1864.  |
| Edward A. Downs,       | I.       | 7        | 3               | Sept. 2, 1863.  |
| Patrick Hurhs,         | C.       | 9        | 3               | Aug. 11, 1864.  |
| Edward Saddler,        | G.       | 11       | 3               | Dec. 19, 1863.  |
| Courtland Follansbee,  | A.       | 1st cav. | 3               | Mar. 23, 1864.  |
| John P. Y. Nichols,    | C.       | 1st cav. | 3               | Mar. 30, 1864.  |
| Horace S. Gould,       | A.       | H. A.    | 3               | Aug. 10, 1863.  |
| Edward McKeaver,       | M.       | L. B.    | 3               | Dec. 26, 1863.  |
| Charles H. Longa,      | M.       | L. B.    | 3               | Nov. 27, 1863.  |
| H. Washington Longa,   | M.       | L. B.    | 3               | Dec. 26, 1863.  |
| George W. Savage,      | A.       | 9        | 3               | July 3, 1862.   |
| Charles L. Brigham,    | F.       | 9        | 3               | Aug. 12, 1862.  |
| Nathaniel C. Barker,   | E.       | 11       | 3               | Aug. 29, 1862.  |
| Richard Henson, Jr.    | I.       | 13       | 3               | Sept. 20, 1862. |
| James S. McConhie,     | K.       | 4        | 3               | Feb. 24, 1864.  |
| Samuel O. McClure,     | B.       | 7        | 3               | Feb. 27, 1864.  |

|                      |      |       |   |                 |
|----------------------|------|-------|---|-----------------|
| John G. Reed,        | F.   | 5     | 3 | Oct. 9, 1863.   |
| Frank T. Gardner,    | B.   | 9     | 3 | July 12, 1862.  |
| Patrick Lee,         | B.   | 9     | 3 | Aug. 25, 1862.  |
| Thomas A. Parker,    | C.   | 10    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| Edward P. French,    | C.   | 10    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| Horace B. Corning,   | C.   | 10    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| Rufus Merriam,       | C.   | 10    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| Henry C. Patrick,    | C.   | 10    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| Charles O. Gould,    | B.   | 12    | 3 | Aug. 25, 1862.  |
| Alexander Sharkey,   | I.   | 13    | 3 | Sept. 20, 1862. |
| David Henderson, Jr. | Navy |       | 3 | July 28, 1864.  |
| Henry Collins,       |      |       |   | Aug. 10, 1864.  |
| Francis, Wilson,     |      |       |   | Aug. 27, 1864.  |
| James Harris,        |      |       |   | Dec. 7, 1864.   |
| John Dierden,        |      |       |   | Nov. 3, 1864.   |
| John O. Brine,       |      |       |   | Dec. 9, 1864.   |
| George F. McGilvery. | C.   | 11    | 3 | Aug. 21, 1862.  |
| James A. Reed,       | I.   | 13    | 3 | Sept. 20, 1862. |
| John Roach,          | Navy |       | 3 | Oct. 5, 1864.   |
| John H. Longa,       | F.   | H. A. | 3 | Aug. 20, 1862.  |
| George B. Longa,     | F.   | H. A. | 3 | Aug. 20, 1862.  |
| Aaro Mears,          | M.   | H. A. | 3 | Nov. 4, 1862.   |
| John Barnes          |      |       |   | Aug. 22, 1862.  |
| William Pentland,    |      |       |   | Aug. 12, 1864.  |
| E. Kuger,            |      |       |   | Aug. 10, 1864.  |
| James Burns,         |      |       |   | Sept. 30, 1863. |
| Nelson Greenwood,    |      |       |   | Oct. 1, 1863.   |
| David Morris,        |      |       |   | Oct. 9, 1863.   |
| Thomas Cowley,       |      |       |   | Oct. 5, 1863.   |
| Charles Wilson,      |      |       |   | Oct. 5, 1863.   |
| Orvil A. McClure,    | C.   | 9     | 3 | July 29, 1862.  |
| Spencer F. Jewett,   | F.   | 10    | 3 | Sept. 1, 1862.  |

The above are all three years' men, for which we are allowed \$100 each man, \$6,900 00

#### ONE YEAR MEN.

|                       |               |   |  |                |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|--|----------------|
| John H. Bowers,       | not assigned, |   |  | April 1, 1865. |
| Charles O. Wilkinson, | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| Orison Sanderson,     | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| John L. Robbins,      | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| Nathan A. Parker,     | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| Charles W. Parker,    | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| James L. Nash,        | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| Tyler T. Longa,       | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| Abel M. Colby,        | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| George W. Flint,      | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| James Hale,           | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |
| James W. Longa,       | H. A.         | 1 |  | Sept. 6, 1864. |

|                   |               |   |                |
|-------------------|---------------|---|----------------|
| William Campbell, | Hancock Corps | 1 |                |
| George F. Bowers, | Navy          | 1 | July 15, 1864. |

The above 14 men were mustered in as 1 year men, and we are entitled to \$33.33 1-3 for each man, amount, \$466 67.

|                       |    |    |       |               |
|-----------------------|----|----|-------|---------------|
| Charles N. Green,     | E. | 15 | 9 mos | Oct. 9, 1862. |
| Tyler T. Longa,       | E. | 15 | 9 mos | Oct. 9, 1862. |
| Henry F. Butterfield, | E. | 15 | 9 mos | Oct. 9, 1862. |
| Samuel Marsh,         | E. | 15 | 9 mos | Oct. 9, 1862. |
| George Wiley,         | E. | 15 | 9 mos | Oct. 9, 1862. |

The above 5 men were mustered as 9 mos. men, and we are entitled to \$25 each man.

#### STATEMENT.

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 69 men mustered for three years, | \$6,900 00       |
| 14 men mustered for one year.    | 466 67           |
| 5 men mustered for nine months,  | 125 00           |
| Amount due from the State,       | <hr/> \$7,491 67 |

# SELECTMENS' REPORT

OF THE

## FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN,

*For the Year Ending March 1, 1872.*

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|                                                                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Whole amount of assessments chargeable to the Treasurer, including State, County, Town, Schools and School-house Taxes |            |
| is                                                                                                                     | \$7,028 71 |
| Amount of Dog Tax,                                                                                                     | 79 00      |

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## TOWN EXPENSES.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

|                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid R. Hodgman, repairs on dam 1870, as per agreement | \$6 50   |
| E. K. Woods, for plank for bridges in 1870             | 17 71    |
| R. Barnes, labor on highway                            | 7 50     |
| H. T. I. Blood, labor on highway                       | 4 50     |
| Heirs of J. Harris, for gravel for road in 1869        | 2 50     |
| E. P. Parkhurst, repairs on bridge                     | 12 96    |
| J. Seaverns, snowing bridge in 1870-1                  | 2 25     |
| James Eayrs, repairs on road near Pennichuck brook     | 10 00    |
| Geo. F. Hills, labor on highways in 1870               | 25 00    |
| E. P. Coggsell, " "                                    | 2 00     |
| R. Melvin, " "                                         | 5 00     |
| F. A. Gordon, cutting bushes                           | 1 50     |
| F. Herrick, labor on highways                          | 4 86     |
| A. S. Longa, " "                                       | 11 70    |
| D. M. Parker, railing etc. near willow bridge          | 8 14     |
| Wm. Eayrs, labor on highways                           | 36 08    |
| J. L. Bowers, " "                                      | 13 15    |
| S. R. Barron, snowing bridge                           | 1 80     |
| Total                                                  | \$173 15 |

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

|                                                                              |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid Wm. H. Fiske for printing reports for 1870                              | \$28 00           |
| For new hearse                                                               | 500 00            |
| Freight on hearse from Worcester                                             | 9 00              |
| Hearse house                                                                 | 165 00            |
| Harness                                                                      | 32 00             |
| 4 biers                                                                      | 14 00             |
| J. B. Greeley, over-assessment of taxes                                      | 28 80             |
| James Hale, school house tax Dist. No. 4                                     | 350 00            |
| N. H. Brown, abatement on his list for 1870                                  | 15 86             |
| George Drew, " " 1871                                                        | 46 72             |
| Wm. T. Parker, services on reimbursement                                     | 74 91             |
| John S. Reed, sheep killed by dogs                                           | 5 00              |
| For board of Welcome Leonard in 1868                                         | 6 50              |
| James Hutchinson, abatement of poll tax                                      | 2 16              |
| Board of Mary Shedd at Reform School from July 6th, 1871, to Jan. 31st, 1872 | 59 25             |
| M. V. B. Greene, blank books and stationery                                  | 7 42              |
| E. P. Parkhurst, for examining bridge at Parker & Co.'s, 1870                | 1 00              |
| Total                                                                        | <u>\$1,345 62</u> |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid M. Houghton, selectmen and assessor | \$75 00         |
| John L. Reed, " "                        | 40 00           |
| Wm. McQuesten, " "                       | 50 00           |
| M. P. Nichols, town treasurer            | 40 00           |
| " " superintending school committee      | 60 00           |
| Benjamin Ela, town clerk                 | 20 00           |
| George Drew, collector of taxes          | 85 00           |
|                                          | <u>\$370 00</u> |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Paid on accounts of highways | \$173 15 |
| Incidental Expenses,         | 1,345 62 |
| Salaries of town officers    | 370 00   |

Total amount of orders drawn for year ending March 1st, 1872 \$1,888 77

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARCELLUS HOUGHTON, } *Selectmen of*  
WILLIAM McQUESTEN } *Merrimack.*

We have examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1872, and find it correct.

JOHN WHEELER }  
F. A. GORDON, } *Auditors.*

MERRIMACK, N. H., March 1st, 1872.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following statements will show your Treasurer's account of all the money which has passed through his hands belonging to the town, during the year ending March 1st, 1872. Also, the financial standing of the town at that date according to the best of his knowledge :

### RECEIPTS.

Cash received as follows :

|                                                         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in the treasury March 1st, 1871                    | \$94 59    |
| Henry J. Wilson, coll. balance of his tax list for 1869 | 59 85      |
| Nelson H. Brown, collector 1870                         | 1280 86    |
| George Drew, collector 1871                             | 4892 42    |
| Rodney Hodgman, note and interest                       | 60 93      |
| State treasurer, savings bank tax                       | 1471 14    |
| “ “ literary fund                                       | 83 70      |
| “ “ railroad tax                                        | 1,352 25   |
|                                                         | <hr/>      |
|                                                         | \$9,295 74 |

### PAYMENTS.

|                                                                           |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Orders drawn for current year ending Mar. 1, 1871                         | \$244 35   |
| “ “ “ “ 1872                                                              | 1,595 75   |
| Merrimack river savings bank, interest on town note and part of principal | 2,187 16   |
| State treasurer, for State tax                                            | 2,532 00   |
| County treasurer, for County tax                                          | 798 60     |
| George Boyson, on town note                                               | 86 04      |
| Mrs. Eliza Wilson, on town note                                           | 36 00      |
| David Henderson, balance school money in 1870, Dist. No. 9                | 72 32      |
| Agents for the several school districts, 1871                             | 1,545 75   |
| Balance in the treasury March 1st, 1872                                   | 197 77     |
|                                                                           | <hr/>      |
|                                                                           | \$9,295 74 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance note due Merrimack river savings bank                                              | \$7,871 90  |
| Note due Mrs. Eliza Wilson, dated March 18th, 1870,<br>and balance interest                | 635 92      |
| Note due Charles E. Grater, dated April 1st, 1871,<br>\$801 79 and interest                | 845 89      |
| Note due George Boyson, dated Nov. 9th, 1866, for<br>\$1,000 00 and balance interest       | 1,272 21    |
| Note due Lydia A. Rogers, dated Nov. 17th, 1865, \$300<br>and interest                     | 432 90      |
| Outstanding orders drawn on the treasury for the cur-<br>rent year, ending March 1st, 1872 | 293 62      |
| Balance school money due Dist. No. 7                                                       | 14 95       |
| Old order drawn in 1868, as previously reported                                            | 5 80        |
| Outstanding orders drawn on the treasury for the cur-<br>rent year, ending March 1st, 1871 | 9 80        |
|                                                                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                                                                            | \$11,382 99 |

## ASSETS.

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in treasury March 1st, 1872                     | \$197 77    |
| Due from Nelson H. Brown, collector for 1870         | 216 99      |
| Due from George Drew, collector for 1871             | 2,136 29    |
| Due from James B. Greeley, balance note and interest | 181 51      |
| Balance against the town March 1st, 1872             | 8,650 43    |
|                                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                                      | \$11,382 99 |

MATTHEW P. NICHOLS,

*Town Treasurer.*

We have examined the foregoing account of the treasurer of the town of Merrimack for the current year ending March 1st, 1872 and find it correctly cast and properly vouched for.

JOHN WHEELER, }  
F. A. GORDON, } *Auditors.*

MERRIMACK, March 1st, 1872.

# SCHOOL REPORT.



In submitting his report your committee is gratified to be able to bear testimony to the general welfare of our schools and efficiency of our teachers. No cases of insubordination have occurred during the past year to require his special attention, and no difficulty of any kind has arisen to materially retard their progress. A more definite account will be found in the following remarks upon the several school districts.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

HUGH McKEAN, *Agent*.

Miss Sarah E. Simonds, Teacher for the Summer term. The remarks by the teacher in her register are as follows: "The pupils in this district are few and young, but with a correct method of instruction some of them are capable of becoming excellent scholars." These remarks express a correct idea, and the teacher herself seemed desirous of imparting such instruction. At our closing visit the scholars seemed to have made fair progress in their studies.

Miss Sarah E. Lawrence, Teacher of the Winter term. The instruction this term was thorough. The teacher's labors were faithful, persevering and successful. The scholars were in earnest and all seemed to try to do their best. As might be expected a progress was made creditable both to teacher and scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN FRENCH, *Agent*

Miss Delia C. Hutchinson, Teacher for the Summer term. The school was quiet and orderly, and being under good instruction it appeared well at its close. The class in Grammar and also one in Arithmetic appeared to good advantage.

Miss Etta C. Champion, Teacher for the Winter term. The board being contributed by the district the Winter term was quite long. It was visited near the commencement and at the close. The scholars seemed to understand their studies, as far as they had gone. Some of the larger scholars were necessarily absent at the close, notwithstanding this the school made a fine appearance.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

WALTER KITTREDGE, *Agent*.

Miss Hortensia McMillen, Teacher for the Summer and Fall terms. The Summer term was, without question, one of the teacher's most successful ones. Apparent good feeling pervaded the school and many of the scholars were moved by a commendable zeal and desire to improve in their studies. The Fall term was a longer one, and probably would have been as successful had all the scholars remained in school till its close. It is a great evil to have a school diminished by the withdrawal of some of its largest and best scholars. A powerful stimulus is thus taken from the remaining scholars and also from the teacher. The effect of such a withdrawal is the same upon the school in cases of necessity, though such cases are of course excusable.

Mr. Carl E. Knight, Teacher for the Winter term. Mr. Knight possesses many excellent qualities for a teacher. He evidently understands what he teaches, and is apt in his manner of communicating to others. The classes in Arithmetic and Grammar were very successful and those in other branches pursued made creditable advancement. The government was mild yet efficient. The school appeared well upon examination and though the scholars are to be commended for their efforts to be quiet and orderly, they may have erred in being too quiet in answering questions.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

JAMES HALE, *Agent*.

Miss Mary Anderson, Teacher the first two terms. During these terms a marked change took place in the character of this school. A bad habit (the Yankee habit of answering a question by asking another) has been broken up. We refer to the habit of answering with an inflection of voice that seems to ask the teacher if the answer is correct. In many other respects also the school profited by the thorough and faithful instruction of its teacher.

Miss M. A. Center, Teacher for the Winter term. Upon our first visit to this school we noticed that it was in good working order, that the teacher was competent and thorough in hearing recitations. During our visit near the close we observed that a good proficiency had been made. One thing that the scholars

here should be commended for is that they speak loudly and distinctly, and in this they find a good example in their teacher. The first class in reading deserves praise for the improvement made. Its reading was animated and lifelike. The class in Mental Arithmetic acquitted itself well. Good attention was paid to Writing. A lengthy portion of History was well memorized.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

E. HILL, *Agent*.

Miss Lucy Bowers, Teacher for the Summer and Winter terms. The scholars in this district are most of them young and not far advanced in their studies. The patience and perseverance of the teacher have been exercised, and it is pleasant to be able to report a fair improvement in the school under her care. The scholars have behaved well, and harmony and good order have prevailed during the year.

The Register shows that there were none tardy during either term. This fact is worthy of note and is an excellent example for others to imitate.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

R. H. CENTER, *Agent*.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Etta C. Champion, who by her kind and pleasing manners gained the good will of her scholars. The average attendance was good, and the scholars, generally seemed desirous to improve. The Register shows that their "habits of study" were good. The progress made was commendable.

Miss Isadore Richardson was the teacher for the Winter term. Upon our first visit to this school we found it in good order, respectful and industrious. Expectations thus raised relative to its progress were fully realized. There are many advanced scholars here who need an experienced and thorough teacher.

Having felt no little solicitude for its welfare, it is gratifying to be able to report so favorably in regard to the instruction given, and the progress made. It is understood that the teacher was retained for a few weeks to keep the school at private expense.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

G. W. MOULTON, *Agent*.

Miss Addie Shedd, Teacher both terms. This district has shown wisdom in retaining for the second year, an experienced teacher of known reputation. The scholars have worked with

an industry and earnestness that entitle them to much praise. Their success has been in proportion to their work and to the energy and faithfulness of their teacher. Harmony and good feeling have prevailed throughout the district. The Winter term was closed at the end of seven weeks on account of a previous engagement of the teacher to teach elsewhere. The money expended on this account is still in the treasury.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

THOMAS O'CONNER, *Agent*.

Miss Mary C. O'Connor, Teacher for the Summer and Winter terms. The school in this district is doing well. The teacher, in this her first experience, develops a fitness for her work and gives promise of becoming successful in it. Parents show a good interest in the school by their frequent visits.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

DAVID HENDERSON, *Agent*.

Miss L. Anna Wilkins, Teacher for three terms of the year. This school has been conducted in a quiet, yet firm and orderly manner. The scholars seemed to appreciate their advantages, and a good improvement was perceptible. This school is subject to frequent changes, like all others where families are often changing. The attendance during the winter term was considerably less than that of the previous ones. The school appeared well at the closing examination of this term. Spelling received good attention. Punctuation was not neglected. What attracted our notice most was the class in Mental Arithmetic. The exercise was lengthy and the example difficult yet correctly performed. The school room was always found in a neat and orderly condition.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

E. P. PARKHURST, *Agent*.

Mrs. Lenna M. Dalley, Teacher for the Summer term. Our only visit to this school was necessarily short, but our impressions are that it was under good instruction. The teacher reported in her Register that the scholars had been kind and obedient, and in general had improved their time well.

Miss Amy L. Sawyer, Teacher for the Winter term. We visited this school but once. It appeared then to be under good discipline and the teacher seemed faithful in the performance of her duties. Not being able to attend the examination we cannot report definitely on the progress made. From what we saw however we have no reason to doubt but that the school was successful.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

REV. L. W. PARKER, *Agent*.

Miss Mary A. Bowers, Teacher Summer and Winter terms. We were unable to devote much time to this school, but upon our visits found it quiet and orderly. Its appearance was good when visited near the close of the winter term. The classes in Arithmetic and Grammar recited in a manner that reflected credit both upon themselves and their teacher. No instances of tardiness occurred during either term. The School Register reports eight weeks of private school after the Summer term.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

JOHN LONGA, *Agent*.

Miss Hattie A. Moore, Teacher for the Summer term. Visiting this school only towards the close we were unable to determine its progress. It has evidently been under the care of one who has labored faithfully for the welfare of her scholars, though she seemed not well satisfied with the results. We trust, however, her efforts were better appreciated by others.

Miss Clara W. Skelton, Teacher for the Winter term. This is the teacher's first experience. Firmness, decision and a love for her work were apparent. A fair result from her labors was manifest. There needs to be great care exercised over this school in order that it may be prosperous.

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Our schools need constant care and watchfulness. Our Prudential Committees would act wisely in procuring experienced and thorough teachers. Their services are in the market, and they will naturally seek for places where they are best appreciated, and where they can obtain the highest compensation. Our neighboring states are paying larger wages than formerly, which has a tendency to draw away those who are most desirable.

It is important that committees have in mind the moral as well as the mental welfare of their schools. It is also desirable that such teachers should be employed as are fully impressed with the importance of our statute law, which makes it their duty not only to instruct those under their care in reference to their mental wants, but diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of purity and justice, and all other virtues which are the ornament of human society.

A harmonious and united support of the district is also essential, as no school can prosper without it. In some branches too many kinds of text-books are still in use. The number should be reduced that there may be fewer classes.

Leaving this matter in the hands of the next committee, the above report is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW P. NICHOLS,

*School Committee.*

# SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERM.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| No. of District . . . . .                              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5              | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Length of school in weeks . . . . .                    | 7  | 11 | 9  | 10 | 9 <sup>2</sup> | 8  | 7  | 9  | 9  | 7  | 8  |    |
| Wages of Teachers per month including board . . . . .  | 24 | 00 | 26 | 00 | 16             | 00 | 27 | 00 | 22 | 00 | 20 | 00 |
| Whole number of scholars . . . . .                     | 8  | 12 | 20 | 19 | 18             | 25 | 21 | 10 | 26 | 12 | 13 | 16 |
| Average attendance . . . . .                           | 6  | 11 | 18 | 16 | 16             | 23 | 20 | 8  | 24 | 10 | 11 | 15 |
| Instances of tardiness . . . . .                       | 12 | 11 | 46 | 8  | 0              | 11 | 8  | 34 | 24 | 10 | 0  | 17 |
| Number of scholars not absent one half day . . . . .   | 2  | 6  | 3  | 4  | 5              | 12 | 10 | 3  | 4  | 8  | 4  | 3  |
| Number between 4 and 14 not attending school . . . . . | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0              | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Number of visits by citizens . . . . .                 | 12 | 23 | 29 | 30 | 11             | 21 | 19 | 24 | 4  | 9  | 6  | 29 |

## WINTER TERM.

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